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April 2022 RAC Proposals Feedback
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Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022? Although the buck to doe ratio is Hi on the San Juan unit based on 3 year average but with low fawn survival, and lack of recruitment coming up I would ask that we hold off on any increase on the San Juan unit.

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Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022? Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022? Please cut tags on the Manti. No deer there anymore. It needs serious help. Thanks

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?

Somewhat agree

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?

Why are you pulling permits on some units from the archery and Muzzleloader hunts and giving them to the mid and late season rifle hunts???

I will use the Wasatch as an example, you are pulling a large number of archery and muzzleloader tags and increasing the rifle tags. On a unit you say is trending down you did not increase tags at all, but your just pulled tags from the hunts with lower success rates and gave them to hunts with much higher success rates.

While you may not have increased tags you did for sure just increase harvest on a population that you just admitted was trending down.

If your intentions was to increase harvest why are you pulling tags from the other hunts to do this??? Why not just slightly increase tags on the rifle hunts and add a few more tags, and leave the archery and muzzleloader hunts the same?

This tag reduction has large consequences to the people that put in for those hunts as it drastically reduces the chances of drawing for those hunts. People put in for those hunts with a set president for what to expect, and you guys come out of left field and change things around. It doesn't seem right.

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Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?

Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?

I believe you should only change tags off a 3 year avg not a yearly number count. I would also like to 3 pointer general seasons units I believe this would give many people a chance to harvest but allow for the deer heard grow.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022? I would like to see the data to show the actual population on the unit as well. If the unit only has 100 deer left on it and the ratio is 25/100 then maybe we should consider some other options. Just saying a piece of the puzzle is missing. And we need to consider some quality in our management. I saw very few bucks over a yearling o the winter range. Can we see a chart of age harvest or survival of age class?

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022? Can we send out the survey to the hunting population again about quality vs quantity and see if they still prefer small elk. I've watched the herds around the state go from multiple 350+ bulls to very few. I get that age doesn't mean size. Also I don't believe age of harvest takes into account the tag soup group? My guess is this group couldn't locate a bull worthy of their tag and we should address this group as they waited their turn for a tag only to have a less desirable hunt.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 once-in-a-lifetime permit recommendations? Buffalo on the book cliffs population is out of control for the amount of feed. Also too many horses. Recommend lots more permits on buffalo on books. As far as the sheep on the books units. Figure out how to harvest more cougar while you still have a few sheep.

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations? Did I read the deer population correctly? In 30 years we haven't achieved our objectives once?
If the private lands only elk tag has gone so well then why don't we add that on the antelope? Most AG farms would welcome that I would think

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Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?

Let's also shorten archery season. It seems that a lot of deer and elk get wounded and never recovered. This issue definitely seems like one that needs to be talked about. I also know that deer/elk fences on highway 89 through parts of Utah and Sanpete county would save hundreds of deer and elk a year. Which would result in more deer and elk and more opportunity for hunters in the fall.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?

Is there data indicating what the percentage of hunters afield prefer when it comes to a "shot opportunity" even if it is a small buck vs. preference toward a "shot opportunity" at a larger buck and actually passing on smaller bucks? Where does that preference lie for hunters? I think that it is misunderstood by both sides of the individuals that have those two opposing opinions/preferences. What is the reason that Deer are measured on a Buck: Doe ratio vs. an age class objective on a unit?

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?

Somewhat disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?

Where is the data that demonstrates that a Mature Bull "Peaks" at Age 5-6? This doesn't even make sense if the bulls peak at that age and yet your oldest age-class harvest objective is 7-8 Yr. old bulls. I have never heard of a Trophy Mature Bull having their teeth come back at an age anything short of 8 years old. In fact, the 360+ bulls that I am aware of are all older than 8 years. The Manti has seemed to have become disproportionately more popular a unit despite the fact that the age class is 5-6-year-old bulls. Given its popularity, the "guaranteed permit" point accumulation (waiting years) sits around 20-22. With hunters waiting this long to pursue a Trophy Class Bull I feel that the age class objective should be pushed back up into the 7-8-year-old bulls. Is the unit utilized as more of an "opportunity" unit because of its vast size vs. true age-class objective management?

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022? This is the second year you have lower most permits beside the Central Manti unit this is BS I see less and less buck and the buck to doe ratio might be where you looking for but there not many does please take care of the hurds not you pocket books.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022? Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022? I see the quality of the Manti less and les each year les tags please.

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?

Strongly disagree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?

CUT MORE TAGS.

Remove the number of livestock grazing. Increase tag cost to offset your wallet.

Id also like to see your numbers on animals wounded and not recovered, which you cant supply since you don't track it. So actually have no idea on animals harvested. in a given year.

Your buck to doe ratios are incorrect. Id invite you to bring some sportsman (not in your pockets) to go on flights and keep their own numbers to see if your buck to doe ratio is correct. Id be willing to bet your numbers are inflated.

We want quality mature deer on every unit. Not yearling deer. Id like to know what hunters you polled to come up with your any buck idea. I was not polled nor asked my opinions. How about you open some public polling options and see what the people want. (although you obviously don't listen already)

Id like you (Covy Jones) to resign from your position and find someone qualified to do the job your not doing.

When you need to post a reminder to "be civil in your comments" I think that's a pretty big red flag that people are not happy with how you are managing OUR big game in Utah.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022?

Neither agree nor disagree

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Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022?

Why not do a 4 point or better for 18 and older and 17 and younger any buck
I move from idaho and they had a point restrictions in certain units and the deer herd was awesome it took 3 years for the population to take a nose dive after they removed it because of the mature 2 and 3 points the youth would have had a blast harvesting them
So when you get monster 2 and 3 points they can be harvested
What young kid wouldn't like to harvest a nice buck

Which best describes your position regarding the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022? Strongly agree

Do you have any additional comments about the buck deer permit recommendations for 2022? I would like to see an increase in allotment for dedicated hunter tags to have more hunters give of thier time and energy to help herds struggling with drought conditions and to increase awareness and public participation in wildlife management projects.

Which best describes your position regarding the bull elk and buck pronghorn recommendations for 2022? Strongly agree

Which best describes your position regarding the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations? Somewhat agree

Do you have any additional comments about the 2022 antlerless permit recommendations? If antlerless permits are issued for management purposes I would like to see an increase to the hunting season instead of increased numbers of tags. I would like to enjoy lower hunter to hunter pressure and see an increase in successful hunts over an increase in permits.
